**REMARKS** 

As an initial matter, Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for indicating allowance of the

pending claims. Applicant proposes amendments to claims 18 and 20-22 in light of the

telephonic conversation with Examiner An Meng-AI on October 13, 2005 and in accordance

with the current policy of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicant respectfully

requests acceptance of the proposed amendments and reconsideration of this application as

amended.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly

requested.

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## Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

## Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

## **Charge our Deposit Account**

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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